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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of ELINT, DD/S&T  
Director of Scientific Intelligence, DD/S&T  
Director of Research and Development, DD/S&T

SUBJECT : Preliminary Evaluation of U-2R  
Airplane Proposal

REFERENCE : Lockheed Aircraft Corporation Report  
No. SP-937, 27 December 1965,  
Proposal for U-2R Airplane

1. Subject proposal was received 18 January 1966 and  
deals with an expanded version of the U-2 aircraft with  
substantially increased altitude, range and payload/sensor  
flexibility.

2. The DD/S&T has requested that a preliminary evalua-  
tion be made of the proposal in the very near future. I am  
requesting that you and appropriate members of your staff  
review the proposal (attached hereto) and prepare written  
comments covering your areas of interest especially in terms  
of potential sensor/collection systems, [REDACTED]

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recommended changes. I ask that your comments be submitted  
to me on 27 January 1966. I realize that this timing  
necessitates the use of estimates based upon experience and  
tools at hand and, therefore, your comments will be inter-  
preted in the framework of a preliminary evaluation.

3. In order that I may provide as much help as possible  
in formulating your comments, I request you or your repre-  
sentative attend a meeting in the Control Center of OSA on  
24 January 1966 at 1100 hours.

SIGNED

JACK C. LEDFORD  
Brigadier General, USAF  
Director of Special Activities

Att: Proposal

cc: DD/S&T w/o att.

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